

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1059  
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Jack Ramsey of  
Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Jack Ramsey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramsey was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, an astute businessman, Mr. Ramsey served with acumen and alacrity as owner of Coleman's Studio and Tri-State School Pictures for 32 years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a native of Coeburn, Virginia, Mr. Ramsey moved to Elizabethton in 1949 to join with his brother-in-law in the photography business; he furthered his knowledge of the art at the Southwestern Photography Arts Institute in Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, joining with the ranks of the brave men and women who have defended our freedom throughout this Nation's history, Mr. Ramsey courageously served in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. *Sumner*; and

WHEREAS, a World War II veteran, Mr. Ramsey served as a Gunner aboard the survey ship during the attack on Pearl Harbor and fired the first volley of shots from the ship; he served the remainder of the War in the Pacific Theatre; and

WHEREAS, taking great pride in his military service, Mr. Ramsey oftentimes presented his accounts of history to civic organizations and schools; he was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and attended the 25th Anniversary Ceremony of the Pearl Harbor Attack; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Mr. Ramsey served as a member of the City Council, the Elizabethton Golf Course Board, the Planning Commission, and the Elizabethton

Power Board; he was also instrumental in the development of the local municipal airport, having himself been a private pilot; and

WHEREAS, an avid golfer, Mr. Ramsey was a member of the Elizabethton Golf Association and had served as President of the Association; and

WHEREAS, an aficionado of fishing and boating, Mr. Ramsey was helpful in organizing the first July the Fourth Boat Parade on Watauga Lake; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramsey was an active and devout member of the Oak Street Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, also deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Ramsey always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jack Ramsey enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Alice Gass Ramsey, was the proud father of Katheryn Nave, and the grandfather of Cody Nave; and

WHEREAS, working to instill strong family values in those around him, Mr. Ramsey and his wife had cared for several children of single parents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramsey leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Jack Ramsey, reflecting fondly upon his devotion to his community, his impeccable character, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ramsey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.